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In re: Michalowski et al.
Serial No.: 09/816,894
Filed: March 23, 2001
For: *Matrix Attachment Regions*

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002 regarding the above-referenced patent application.

Election of Claims

In the Office Action, the pending claims 1-21 have been restricted as follows.

Group I: Claims 1-19, drawn to compositions comprising SEQ ID NOs: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

Group II: Claims 20-21, drawn to methods of identifying matrix attachment regions in a DNA molecule of known nucleotide sequence.

Applicants elect Group II (claims 20-21) for examination in this application.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

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No fee is believed due with this response. However, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

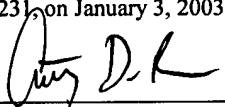


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